

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 471, A bill to be entitled
"An Act conveying to the United States
of America all right, title and interest
which the State of Texas may have or
hold in and to the following described
tract of land, situated in the city of
Galveston, county of Galveston, State
of Texas, known and described on the
maps and plats of said city now in com-
mon use as being the tract of land lo-
cated on the dyke in Galveston Bay,
described as follows: Commencing at
a point on the U. S. dyke bulkhead,
same being the S. W. corner of a piece
of ground leased to J. P. McDonough
by the city of Galveston, Texas; thence
S. 76 deg. 54½' W. 82.8 ft. to place of
beginning, same being approximately on
center line of Twenty-fifth Street pro-
duced; thence along said bulkhead S.
76 deg. 54½' W. 310.6 ft.; thence N. 28
deg. 08½' W. 500 ft.; thence N. 76 deg.
54½' E. 310.6 ft. parallel to said bulk-
head; thence S. 28 deg. 08½' E. parallel
to and 80 feet W. of W. line of said J.
P. McDonough's lease 500 feet to place
of beginning; containing 3.44 acres; for
the purpose of enabling the United
States government to build thereon a
lighthouse depot, and declaring an emer-
gency."

H. B. No. 723, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to define and construe an act
approved March 16, 1907, being Chap-
ter 26 of the Special Laws of the Thir-
tieth Legislature, and amendments
thereto by an act approved September
1, 1910, being Chapter 1 of the Special
Laws of Fourth Session of Thirty-first
Legislature, 1910, authorizing the coun-
ty of Galveston to build and construct
a causeway and to issue bonds there-
for; defining and construing the inten-
tion of said acts to be that an issue
of bonds and levy of said tax by said
county for such purpose can be made
whenever said causeway needs recon-
struction in whole or in part or needs
repairs; declaring the object and in-
tent being to provide the State of
Texas at all times with suitable access
to the port of Galveston; and the fur-
ther purpose of this act being to vali-
date an issue to be made of \$600,000
of bonds, a second issue for construc-

tion of causeway lost in storm of
August, 1915, that issue of bonds be-
ing under the terms and provisions of
said act as amended, so as to author-
ize the issue of said bonds in conform-
ity with the provisions of the Consti-
tution of this State, including Article
3, Section 52, and declaring an emer-
gency."

H. B. No. 744, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to prevent the selling of bass
and white perch or crappie or channel
catfish taken from the fresh waters in
the county of Tom Green, State of
Texas; making it unlawful to use any
dynamite or other explosives in the
killing or catching of any fish in any
of the fresh waters of said county and
providing a penalty for the violation
thereof; prohibiting the use of any
seine, drag net, trammel net or other
net other than a minnow seine, which
shall not be more than ten feet in
length, limiting the number of fish to
be taken in any one day; providing that
the district judge of the judicial dis-
trict in which Tom Green county is sit-
uated shall give a special charge upon
this law to the grand juries of Tom
Green county; providing a penalty for
the violation hereof, and declaring an
emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DENTON, Chairman.

FORTIETH DAY.

(Tuesday, March 6, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m.,
pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following
members were present:

Bagby.	Butler.
Baker.	Cadenhead.
Beard of Harris.	Canales.
Beard of Milam.	Carlock.
Beasley.	Cates.
Beason.	Clark.
Bedell.	Cope.
Bertram.	Cox.
Blackburn.	Crudgington.
Blackmon.	Davis of Dallas.
Blalock.	Davis of Grimes.
Bland.	De Bogory.
Bledsoe.	Denton.
Boner.	Dodd.
Bryan.	Dudley.
Bryant.	Dunnam.
Burton of Rusk.	Estes.
Burton of Tarrant.	Fairchild.

Fisher.	Reeves.
Fitzpatrick.	Richards.
Florer.	Robertson.
Fly.	Roemer.
Greenwood.	Rogers.
Haidusek.	Russell.
Hardey.	Sackett.
Harris.	Sallas.
Hartman.	Sentell.
Hawkins.	Schlesinger.
Hill.	Schlosshan.
Holland.	Scholl.
Johnson.	Seawright.
Jones.	Sholars.
Laas.	Smith of Bastrop.
Laney.	Smith of Hopkins.
Lange.	Smith of Scurry.
Lanier.	Spencer of Nolan.
Lee.	Spencer of Wise.
Lindemann.	Spradley.
Lowe	Stewart.
of McMullen.	Swope.
Low	Taylor.
of Washington.	Templeton.
McComb.	Terrell.
McCoy.	Thomas.
McDowra.	Thomason
McFarland.	of El Paso.
McMillin.	Thomason
Martin.	of Nacogdoches.
Meador.	Thompson
Mendell.	of Hunt.
Metcalfe.	Thompson
Miller of Austin.	of Red River.
Miller of Dallas.	Tillotson.
Monday.	Tilson
Moore.	Tinner.
Morris.	Traylor.
Murrell.	Tschoepe.
Neeley.	Upchurch.
Neill.	Valentine.
Nichols.	Veatch.
Nordhaus.	Walker.
O'Banion.	White.
O'Brien.	Williams
Osborne.	of Brazoria.
Parks.	Williams
Peddy.	of McLennan.
Peyton.	Williford.
Pillow.	Wilson.
Poage.	Woods.
Pope.	Yantis.
Raiden.	

Absent.

Woodul.

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Hudspeth.
Brown.	Lacey.
Davis	Strayhorn.
of Van Zandt.	Wahrmund.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain, as follows:

Our Heavenly Father, we pray Thee to draw all who are in Thy presence unto Thyself. Help us to dedicate our lives unto Thee that we may render blessed service to our fellows. Let love be the working principle; that love that suffereth long and is kind, that vaunteth not itself and is not puffed up and thinketh no evil; that love that rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth. We pray Thee, our Father, that love may draw each member of this House into sympathetic fellowship with one another, that the great work they are called on to do may be done in loving co-operation. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Davis of Van Zandt, for today, on motion of Mr. Seawright.

Mr. Brown, for today, on motion of Mr. Richards.

Mr. Poage, for yesterday, on motion of Mr. Neeley.

The following member was granted leave of absence on account of sickness:

Mr. Hudspeth, for today, on motion of Mr. Roemer.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. De Bogory, Mr. Seawright and Mr. Neill:

H. B. No. 812, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2641, Chapter 1, Title 48, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, prescribing the fees of admission to the University of Texas. The fees of admission to the University of Texas shall never exceed thirty dollars (\$30.00), except students of Law and Medicine shall pay the actual cost of the instruction given them as may be determined by the Regents of said University, using the cost of such instruction incurred at the preceding year or session as the basis for determining the tuition fee; and the University shall be open to all persons in the State who wish to avail themselves of its advantages, and to male and female on equal terms without charge for tuition except as herein provided under the regulation prescribed by the Regents and all others

under such regulation as the Board of Regents may prescribe."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Fly:

H. B. No. 813, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Smiley Independent School District, in Gonzales county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Smith of Scurry:

H. B. No. 814, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Kent county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Schlosshan:

H. B. No. 815, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 5, Article 30, paragraph 21, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, which article provides for judicial districts of the State, and which paragraph defines the Twenty-first Judicial District, and determines the date and length of term of such district court in each of the counties of the said district, and which amendment provides for a change in the term of the said court in Lee county."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Laas:

H. B. No. 816, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, which article relates to the mode of preventing horses, cattle and certain other live stock from running at large in particular counties named; and which amendment provides for the exemption of the county of Waller from the provisions of the said article, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

By Mr. Hardey:

H. B. No. 817, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 10, Chapter 78, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved March 31, 1913, and entitled 'An Act to amend Section 9, Chapter 30, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-first Legislature (1909), at the Regular Session, approved April 21, 1909, relating to the Texas State Board of Health, vital statistics, and to add to said chapter Sections 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f, 10g, 10h, 10i, 10j and 10k, establishing charbon districts; providing that persons re-

siding therein shall report all animals suffering with charbon, or supposed to have such diseases, to the county health officer, who shall report same to the State Board of Health, and providing for practicing physicians to report all persons suffering with said disease; and providing for the employment of a bacteriologist where charbon is prevalent for the purpose of combating with said disease; and providing for the State Board of Health or one who is under them to visit all stock reported to have charbon; and providing for the isolation of same and for the isolation of all stock exposed to said disease and authority to destroy infected stock, and providing for the destruction of the carcasses of stock dying from charbon or supposed to have died from same, and providing for the prohibiting of such stock in counties and subdivisions thereof where charbon is prevalent, or where same may become prevalent from running at large in such counties or subdivisions thereof to be determined by election by the qualified voters of such counties; providing the manner of holding such elections, regulating the terms and conditions thereof, and the carrying into effect of such elections so to be held, and providing adequate penalties for enforcing such law, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency,' so as to provide that the election therein provided for may be ordered in any commissioners or justice precinct or school district, or any two or more of any such political subdivisions of a county, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 241, to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

S. B. No. 343, to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. O'Brien, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 442 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Scurry, it was ordered that House bill No. 814 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Tillotson, it was ordered that House bill No. 816 be not printed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 364 RETURNED TO
THE SENATE.

On motion of Mr. McFarland, the request of the Senate for the return of House bill No. 364 to the Senate for correction, was granted.

RELATING TO FINANCES OF
PRISON SYSTEM.

Mr. Reeves offered the following resolution:

Whereas, This Legislature either during the Regular or Special Session will be required to make a large appropriation amounting to probably \$700,000 to pay the deficiency due by the penitentiary system for debts incurred prior to January 1, 1915, and the State has already by appropriation made by the Thirty-fourth Legislature advanced the Prison Commission \$465,000, which was used to pay the cost of operating the penitentiary system subsequent to January 1, 1915; and

Whereas, It appears from the reports of the auditor of the said system that during 1916 about \$590,000 net profit was made, a large part of which said profit consists of permanent improvements such as clearing land, ditching, etc., and also increases in the several inventories of different farms without charging said accounts with the labor necessary to make the crop and harvest the same; to illustrate: Net income of the Eastland Farm includes \$16,000 for clearing and ditching land and about \$79,000 increase in inventory, without charging any amount for the labor to make the crop; and

Whereas, It is necessary for the Legislature to have the fullest information as to the matter hereinafter called for, in order that the rights of the people may be protected, and in order also that there may not accumulate large indebtedness against the said penitentiary system which the State will be under both legal and moral obligations to pay; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Auditor of the Penitentiary System and the Board of Prison Commissioners be required and they are hereby requested and instructed to immediately furnish this House the following information:

1. A complete statement of all debts due or to become due by the penitentiary system or obligations which have been created since January 1, 1915, such statements to show dates of the indebtedness

for which said amount is due, the nature of the indebtedness, whether notes or open account; to whom these debts are due; for what they were incurred; the rate of interest; the date of maturity of each debt and such other information as will enable this House to determine exactly the amount due by said system on the first day of March, 1917.

2. A complete statement covering 1915 and 1916 income of the penitentiary system, said statement to show the income of each farm and each industry separately, and to show the exact items which create the income, whether in money, increases in personal property in addition thereto or permanent improvements.

3. A complete statement of expenditures for each of the years 1915 and 1916, this to be itemized and shown as to each farm and each industry.

4. In some of the statements made by the Auditor as to the individual farms, there has been a large increase in the inventories, and this increase is included in the net income of the farm or farms. In making the statement requested herein and required hereby, said Auditor and Commissioners are instructed to furnish an itemized list of the property included in the inventories, and the value of each item thereof, the same to show separately the inventory on January 1, 1915, and January 1, 1916, and December 31, 1915.

5. A full statement of the amount of money now on hand, the cotton and cotton seed now unsold, the disposition of the \$590,000 profit in the 1916 crops and operation; the said statement to show also the amount of money deposited in the State Treasury since January 1, 1915, when deposited and by whom, that is, what amount has been so deposited by the said Penitentiary Commissioners or by said system; the amount drawn out of the State Treasury since January 1, 1915, when drawn out and for what purpose.

6. The said Commissioners and said auditor are hereby requested and instructed to show in said statement the property belonging to said system or to the State of Texas, which has been sold by the Commissioners since January 1, 1915, the price received for said property, the reason for selling the same and the method by which it was sold, whether by private or public advertising. If the statement shows the sale of iron, either new or scrap, at the Rusk branch of the penitentiary system, give the price per ton at which same was sold,

and the price at which each kind of iron was sold.

The preceding paragraphs of this resolution which calls for an itemized statement of the accounts and the income, net and gross, of the system makes it unnecessary to include in the answer to this the sixth paragraph, the statement of the sale of the cotton and other crops made during the year 1915-1916, the personal property now on hand belonging to said system, the amount of indebtedness due by it incurred since January 1, 1915, and to whom such indebtedness is due, and generally such information as will enable this House and this Legislature to act intelligently in protecting the interest of the people of the State against great losses and enormous appropriations in the future, growing out of the management of said system. It is unquestionably the best policy to know the true situation and for the Legislature to co-operate with the officials of the State in the preventing of deficits than to those who are in charge of the State's penal institutions, who in order to make a satisfactory showing so shape their course that subsequent administrations and Legislatures will be compelled to pay the cost of continuing a policy which has resulted disastrously financially to the State.

7. Resolved further, That said auditor and said Commissioners are hereby instructed to furnish the information herein requested at the very earliest date practicable, not later than the 15th day of March, 1917. If, in order to furnish said information, it becomes necessary or if necessary to employ extra assistance, that said auditor and said Commissioners are hereby instructed to employ the same, so that there can be no delay in said information being in the possession of this Legislature for its consideration and use during the Special Session of the Legislature.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

RELATIVE TO REVISING TAX LAWS.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time,

S. C. R. No. 15, Relative to revising laws relating to ad valorem taxes.

The resolution having been read second time on yesterday.

Question—Shall the resolution be adopted?

Mr. Woods moved to postpone further

consideration of the resolution until 10 o'clock a. m. next Friday, March 9.

The motion to postpone prevailed.

RELATING TO ABSENCE OF CERTAIN MEMBERS.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

Whereas, The gentleman from Hunt, Mr. Jos. F. Nichols, and the gentleman from Gillespie, Mr. Thos. J. Martin, absented themselves from the House without leave for the purpose of impeding the action of the House, necessitating the House remaining under call for a period of forty-eight hours, thus working a great hardship on the members and impairing their health, and delaying the business of the House unnecessarily at the expense of the taxpayers; therefore, be it

Resolved, That each of said members, Nichols of Hunt and Martin of Gillespie, be expelled from the membership of this House.

Question—Shall the resolution be adopted?

Mr. Rogers, by unanimous consent, then withdrew the resolution.

HOUSE BILL NO. 208 ON FINAL PASSAGE.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its final passage,

H. B. No. 208, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the sale of the land belonging to the permanent fund of the University of Texas, and the reservation of minerals therein, and declaring an emergency."

The bill having been read third time on last Saturday, March 3.

Mr. Bryan offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Section 1 of House bill No. 208 so it shall read as follows:

"Section 1. The land which belongs to the permanent fund of the University of Texas shall be placed upon the market and sold, as present existing leases expire, by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under the same regulations, at the same time, and on the same terms and conditions that are now or may hereafter be provided by law for the sale of surveyed school land, except as changed herein."

(Mr. Smith of Scurry in the chair.)

Mr. Williams of McLennan moved to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved the previous question on the amendment, the motion to postpone indefinitely, and the passage of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Mr. Fly, by unanimous consent, offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend by adding after the word "present" the words "valid existing leases" so as to make it read "present valid existing leases."

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment to the amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—104.

Baker.	Lowe
Beard of Harris.	of McMullen.
Beard of Milam.	Low
Beasley.	of Washington.
Beason.	McComb.
Bedell.	McCoy.
Bertram.	McDowra.
Blackburn.	McFarland.
Blackmon.	McMillin.
Bialock.	Martin.
Bland.	Meador.
Bledsoe.	Metcalfe.
Boner.	Miller of Austin.
Bryan.	Miller of Dallas.
Bryant.	Monday.
Burton of Rusk.	Morris.
Burton of Tarrant.	Murrell.
Butler.	Neeley.
Cadenhead.	Nichols.
Canales.	Nordhaus.
Carlock.	Osborne.
Cope.	Parks.
Cox.	Peddy.
Crudgington.	Peyton.
Davis of Dallas.	Pillow.
Davis of Grimes.	Poage.
De Bogory.	Pope.
Dodd.	Raiden.
Dudley.	Richards.
Dunnam.	Roemer.
Estes.	Rogers.
Fairchild.	Russell.
Fisher.	Sackett.
Fitzpatrick.	Schlosshan.
Florer.	Seawright.
Fly.	Smith of Bastrop.
Greenwood.	Smith of Hopkins.
Haidusek.	Smith of Scurry.
Harris.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hartman.	Spradley.
Hill.	Stewart.
Holland.	Swope.
Johnson.	Taylor.
Jones.	Thomason
Laas.	of El Paso.
Lange.	Thomason
Lanier.	of Nacogdoches.
Lee.	Thompson
Lindemann.	of Hunt.

Tillotson.
Tilson.
Tinner.
Tschoepe.
Valentine.
Veatch.

White.
Williams
of Brazoria.
Wilson.
Woods.
Yantis.

Nays—10.

Cates.
Clark.
Hawkins.
Mendell.
O'Banion.
O'Brien.
Reeves.
Robertson.
Sallas.
Schlesinger.
Scholl.

Spencer of Wise.
Terrell.
Thomas.
Thompson
of Red River.
Traylor.
Upchurch.
Williams
of McLennan.
Williford.

Present—Not Voting.

Hardey.

Absent.

Bagby.
Denton.
Laney.
Moore.
Neill.

Sentell.
Sholars.
Templeton.
Walker.
Woodul.

Absent—Excused.

Bell.
Brown.
Davis
of Van Zandt.

Hudspeth.
Lacey.
Strayhorn.
Wahrmund.

Question recurring on the amendment as amended, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment as amended was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—89.

Beard of Harris.
Beard of Milam.
Beasley.
Beason.
Bedell.
Bertram.
Blackburn.
Blackmon.
Bland.
Bledsoe.
Boner.
Bryan.
Bryant.
Burton of Rusk.
Butler.
Canales.
Carlock.
Cox.
Crudgington.
Davis of Dallas.
Davis of Grimes.
De Bogory.

Dodd.
Dudley.
Estes.
Fairchild.
Fisher.
Fitzpatrick.
Fly.
Greenwood.
Hardey.
Harris.
Holland.
Johnson.
Laas.
Lange.
Lanier.
Lee.
Lindemann.
Lowe
of McMullen.
Low
of Washington.
McComb.

McCoy.	Smith of Bastrop.
McDowra.	Smith of Hopkins.
McFarland.	Smith of Scurry.
McMillin.	Spencer of Nolan.
Martin.	Stewart.
Meador.	Swope.
Metcalfe.	Taylor.
Miller of Austin.	Thomason
Miller of Dallas.	of El Paso.
Monday.	Thomason
Morris.	of Nacogdoches.
Murrell.	Thompson
Neeley.	of Hunt
Nordhaus.	Tilson.
Osborne.	Tinner.
Parks.	Traylor.
Peddy.	Tschoepe.
Poage.	Valentine.
Pope.	Veatch.
Raiden.	White.
Richards.	Williams
Russell.	of Brazoria.
Sackett.	Wilson.
Sentell.	Woods.
Schlosshan.	Yantis.
Seawright.	

Nays—25.

Baker.	Rogers.
Blalock.	Sallas.
Burton of Tarrant.	Schlesinger.
Cope.	Scholl.
Dunnam.	Spencer of Wise.
Haidusek.	Terrell.
Hartman.	Thomas.
Hawkins.	Thompson
Mendell.	of Red River.
O'Banion.	Upchurch.
O'Brien.	Williams
Peyton.	of McLennan.
Robertson.	Williford.
Roemer.	

Present—Not Voting.

Clark.

Absent.

Bagby.	Nichols.
Cadenhead.	Pillow.
Cates.	Reeves.
Denton.	Sholars.
Florer.	Spradley.
Hill.	Templeton.
Jones.	Tillotson.
Laney.	Walker.
Moore.	Woodul.
Neill.	

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Hudspeth.
Brown.	Lacey.
Davis	Strayhorn.
of Van Zandt.	Wahrmund.

At 12:30 o'clock p. m., the House, by unanimous consent, agreed to stand at ease to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

The House was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. by the Speaker.

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

Question recurring on the motion of Mr. Williams to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to postpone indefinitely prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—68.

Bertram.	Nichols.
Blalock.	Nordhaus.
Bland.	O'Banion.
Boner.	O'Brien.
Burton of Tarrant.	Peddy.
Canales.	Peyton.
Carlock.	Pillow.
Clark.	Reeves.
Cope.	Richards.
Davis	Robertson.
of Van Zandt.	Rogers.
Denton.	Sallas.
Dunnam.	Sentell.
Estes.	Schlesinger.
Fairchild.	Schlosshan.
Fitzpatrick.	Scholl.
Florer.	Seawright.
Greenwood.	Sholars.
Haidusek.	Smith of Hopkins.
Harris.	Spencer of Wise.
Hartman.	Stewart.
Hawkins.	Swope.
Johnson.	Terrell.
Lange.	Thomas.
Lanier.	Thompson
Lindemann.	of Hunt.
Lowe	Thompson
of McMullen.	of Red River.
McMillin.	Traylor.
Martin.	Tschoepe.
Mendell.	Upchurch.
Miller of Austin.	Williams
Monday.	of McLennan.
Moore.	Williford.
Morris.	Wilson.
Murrell.	Woods.
Neeley.	

Nays—60.

Baker.	Davis of Dallas.
Beard of Harris.	Davis of Grimes.
Beard of Milam.	De Bogory.
Beasley.	Dodd.
Beason.	Dudley.
Bedell.	Fisher.
Blackburn.	Fly.
Blackmon.	Hardey.
Bledsoe.	Holland.
Bryan.	Jones.
Bryant.	Laas.
Burton of Rusk.	Laney.
Butler.	Lee.
Cadenhead.	Low
Cox.	of Washington.
Crudgington.	McComb.

McDowra.	Spradley.
McFarland.	Taylor.
Meador.	Templeton.
Metcalf.	Thomason
Miller of Dallas.	of El Paso.
Neill.	Thomason
Osborne.	of Nacogdoches.
Parks.	Tillotson.
Poage.	Tilson.
Pope.	Tinner.
Raiden.	Valentine.
Roemer.	Veatch.
Russell.	White.
Sackett.	Williams
Smith of Bastrop.	of Brazoria.
Smith of Scurry.	Yantis.

Absent.

Bagby.	Spencer of Nolan.
Cates.	Walker.
Hill.	Woodul.
McCoy.	

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Lacey.
Brown.	Strayhorn.
Hudspeth.	Wahrmund.

Mr. Williams of McLennan moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion prevailed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills and resolutions:

H. B. No. 640, "An Act to create the Wheeler Independent School District of Wheeler county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 612, "An Act to create a more efficient road, bridge and culvert system for Houston county; to create the office of road superintendent, etc., and providing for an emergency."

H. B. No. 608, "An Act creating the Chireno Independent School District in Nacogdoches county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 300, "An Act to increase the authority and duties of the commissioners court of Calhoun county, Texas, and of the county commissioners of said county; to require said county commissioners to devote their entire time and attention to the affairs of said county and to fix the salary of the members of said commissioners court, and repealing all laws, general and special, in con-

flict with the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

H. J. R. No. 2, To amend Section 10 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for certain rights of accused persons in criminal prosecutions and the manner in which the case may be prosecuted, and providing for the procuring of the witnesses for both defense and prosecution.

H. C. R. No. 19, Granting Hon. P. O. Beard, judge of the Seventy-first Judicial District, leave of absence from the State.

H. B. No. 425, "An Act prescribing additional duties for the county attorney of Wichita county, and fixing his compensation for same."

H. B. No. 609, "An Act creating an independent school district to be known as the Woden Independent School District in Nacogdoches county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 138, "An Act to be known as the interchangeable jury law, to regulate the selection, organization and custody of juries in all cases except capital and lunacy cases in counties where there are now three or may hereafter be established three or more district courts, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

H. B. No. 624, "An Act creating the Abernathy Independent School District situated in Hale and Lubbock counties, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 16, "An Act prohibiting manufacture or sale of road vehicles of certain carrying capacity with tires of less than the prescribed width within the State of Texas; fixing penalties for the violation thereof; providing the time at which such act shall take effect, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 302, "An Act to amend Article 886, Title 13, offenses against public property, Chapter 6, Penal Code of 1911, of the State of Texas, relative to the protection of certain game, so as to prohibit the killing thereof for the next twenty-five years; repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 525, "An Act enlarging the area of Nixon Independent School District in Gonzales and Wilson counties, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 38, "An Act to amend Articles 1521, 1522, 1543, 1544 and 1526 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, as amended by the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved

March 28, 1913, defining the original and appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, and regulating the practice therein."

H. B. No. 43, "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas, 1915, relating to the pay of jail guards, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 39, "An Act to relieve the crowded condition of the dockets of the Supreme Court by further regulating the mode in which and the conditions on which judgments of the Courts of Civil Appeals may be brought before the Supreme Court for revision, granting additional powers to the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court and of the Courts of Civil Appeals, as incidental to the offices held by them; providing for compensation of certain justices of the Courts of Civil Appeals while acting as herein provided, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 50, "An Act to establish and create a criminal district court for Tarrant county; to provide for the jurisdiction of, and procedure in said court; to fix the time for holding the terms of said court; to provide for the appointment, election, qualification, duties, powers and compensation of a judge of said court; depriving and divesting the district courts of Tarrant county of jurisdiction of all criminal cases; providing from and after the taking effect of this act for the transfer of all criminal cases from the district courts of the Seventeenth, Forty-eighth, and Sixty-seventh Judicial Districts of Tarrant county to the criminal district court of Tarrant county created by this act; providing that the county attorney, the sheriff and the clerk of the district court of Tarrant county shall be the county attorney, sheriff and clerk of the district court, respectively, of the court created by this act, under the same rules and regulations as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law for the government of such officials; providing for the fees to be received by such officers for such services; and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 247, "An Act to amend Chapter 84, House bill No. 653 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas by a special law for the preservation of bass and other fish of the bass species, and of perch, sunfish and crappie species, in the

following locality: In any water which is located in the valley of the Medina river from where the lower or diversion dam above the town of Castroville crosses the Medina river, in Medina county, Texas, to a point on the Medina river, in Banderita county, Texas, which by following the meanders of the Medina river towards its source, shall constitute a distance of twenty-five miles, and in any of the waters which are impounded by the lower or diversion dam above the town of Castroville, in Medina county, Texas, and in any of the waters that are impounded by the upper or main dam in Medina county, Texas, which is located about four miles above said lower or diversion dam; and making it unlawful to catch and retain or have possession of any bass, or other fish of the bass species which are less than eleven inches in length, or to catch and retain, or have possession of, in any one day, a total aggregate of more than ten bass or other fish of the bass species, or to catch and retain, or have possession of, in any one day, a total aggregate of more than twenty perch, crappie or sunfish species, and making it unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or buy, any fish caught in any of said waters, and providing that the special act shall be cumulative of the general laws of the State and not repeal same, and providing for a penalty for violation of said special law, and declaring an emergency and fixing the venue of the prosecutions for violations of the law, and providing it shall not be unlawful to catch and retain more than twenty perch to be used as bait, providing none of such perch so caught for bait are larger than two inches long."

H. B. No. 499, "An Act to amend Sections 5, 6, 8, 9 and 29 of Chapter 106, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, so that hereafter said sections of Chapter 106 shall provide in substance for fixing the salaries of the members of the State Fire Insurance Commission; to limit the expenditure of said Commission in any one year to the sum produced by an assessment of one and one-fourth per cent of the gross premiums of all fire insurance companies doing business in this State; prescribing certain duties and powers of the State Fire Insurance Commission and the members thereof with respect to the fixing and promulgating of rates of premium, investigation of fires, and correction of fire hazards, and declaring an emergency."

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to
inform the House that the Senate has
passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 388, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to create the Wharton Inde-
pendent School District in Wharton
county, Texas."

S. B. No. 55, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to regulate the practice of
dentistry, or dental surgery, in the State
of Texas, providing for the examination
and registration of persons desiring to
practice dentistry, prescribing the qual-
ifications of the Board of Examiners,
prescribing fees that may be charged
for registration, making it unlawful for
any person not licensed under the pro-
visions of the act to practice dentistry,
defining a reputable dental college or
school, providing for the registration of
persons who have been engaged in the
practice of dentistry in other States,
for the revocation of license granted by
the Board of Examiners upon satisfac-
tory evidence of misconduct on the part
of the licensee, for the exhibition of his
or her license by the persons engaged in
the practice of dentistry, prohibiting any
person from advertising or soliciting
business under any other than his or
her proper and legal name, prescribing
fees to be charged by the Board of Ex-
aminers for examination fees, penalties
for the violation of any of the provi-
sions of this act, and repealing all laws
or parts of laws in conflict with this
act."

H. B. No. 226, A bill to be entitled
"An Act for the purpose of promoting
and improving the development of the
country schools of the State by the ap-
propriation of one million dollars each
year, or such part thereof as may be
necessary, for the next two fiscal years
ending August 31, 1918, and 1919, re-
spectively, etc., and declaring an emer-
gency," with amendments.

S. B. No. 440, A bill to be entitled
"An Act creating the San Diego Inde-
pendent County Line School District of
Duval county, and declaring an emer-
gency."

S. B. No. 452, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to create a more efficient road
system for Henderson county, Texas."

The Senate Committee on Constitu-

tional Amendments has reported ad-
versely on House Joint Resolution No. 5.

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 8 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on
its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled
"An Act regulating the sale of, and de-
fining, agricultural seeds and mixed
seeds; requiring their proper labeling;
prohibiting mixture of seeds unless so
labeled; providing for the collection of
samples and their examination; defin-
ing noxious weeds and foreign matter;
providing that certificate of analysis by
the Commissioner of Agriculture shall
be prima facie evidence in certain cases,
and regulating the measure of damages,
designating an officer for the enforce-
ment of the law; providing for the ex-
pense and enforcement of the law, and
fixing penalties for its violation."

The bill was read third time.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Boner offered the following (com-
mittee) amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 8 by striking
out all after the enacting clause and in-
serting in lieu thereof the following:

Defining Agricultural Seeds.

Section 1. For the purpose of this
act the term "agricultural seeds" shall
include seed of alfalfa, clovers, corn,
cotton, saccharine sorghums, non-saccha-
rine sorghums, broom corn, small grains
(including rice), cowpeas, soybeans, vel-
vet beans, peanuts, vetch, rape, millet,
Johnson grass, Bermuda grass, Ken-
tucky blue grass, orchard grass, Sudan
grass, tubers of all kinds, and other
field seeds used for planting purposes
in this State, whether in bags, boxes or
other containers, or in bulk, and amount-
ing to more than one pound net.

Proper Labeling.

Sec. 2. Every lot of agricultural seed,
as defined in Section 1 of this act, which
is sold, offered or exposed for sale or
distribution within this State, shall have
affixed thereto a label on which is
plainly stamped, printed or written in
the English language the following:

(a) Kind of seed and the correct
varietal name, if known, and if not
known, a statement to that effect.

(b) Full name and address of seedsmen, grower, importer, agent or dealer selling, offering or exposing said seed for sale, or distribution, and whether grown by irrigation or natural rainfall.

(c) Name of county and State where seed was grown, and if unknown, statement that the locality where grown is unknown.

(d) The proportionate part of seeds designated in Section 3 of this act as noxious weeds when same are present in any agricultural seed offered or exposed for sale.

(e) The approximate percentage by weight of purity, meaning freedom of all of said agricultural seed from foreign matter.

(f) Percentage of germinable seed as itemized by germination test, and date on which germination test was made, together with the name of person or persons making such test, or the name and location of laboratory where test was made.

Noxious Weeds and Foreign Matter.

Sec. 3. Seeds of dodder (*Cuscuta*, various species), Russian thistle (*Salsola Kali* *Tennifolia*, *Sasolus*, *tragus* G), bind weed or wild morning glory (*Convolvulus*, various species), blue weed (*Helianthus ciliatus*), wire grass (*Paspalum distichium*), Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon* L), Johnson grass (*Andropogon halensis*), and all other seeds or foreign matter known to be noxious, are hereby defined as noxious weed seeds.

No person or persons, firm or corporation shall, by himself, his agent or representative, sell, offer or expose for sale or distribution in this State any agricultural seed as defined in Section 1 of this act, except when labeled in accordance with Section 2 of this act; provided further, that Johnson grass seed and Bermuda grass seed may be sold as such under the provisions of Section 2 of this act.

Foreign matter, within the meaning of this act, as differentiated from noxious weed seeds, shall consist of sand, dirt, sticks, chaff, broken seeds and all other seeds except those of the kind under examination, and no person or persons, firm or corporation shall by himself, his agent or representative, sell, offer or expose for sale or distribution in this State any agricultural seeds as defined in Section 1 of this act, unless such seeds shall be labeled in accordance with Section 2 of this act.

Mixed Seed.

Sec. 4. Agricultural seed, under the provisions of this act, shall be deemed to be mixed when it contains more than five per cent of any other kind of seed than the one sold, offered or exposed for sale or distribution only as mixed seeds, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation, by himself, his agent or representative, to sell, offer or expose for sale or distribution in this State any mixed seed as defined herein, unless there is attached to the bag, box or container in which said seed is kept or offered for sale, a label upon which is written, printed or stamped in letters one-half of an inch high, the words "Mixed Seed," and there shall also be stamped, printed or written on said label the following:

(a) The approximate percentage of each seed composing said "Mixed Seed."

(b) Name of person, firm or corporation offering the same for sale, and the residence of the seller.

(c) The percentage of germinable seed, as determined by germination test, and date on which germination test was made, and person by whom or laboratory in which said germination test was made; and

(d) That said "Mixed Seed" does not contain in excess of one noxious weed seed to two thousand of said "Mixed Seed," nor in excess of five per cent of foreign matter as defined in Section 3 of this act.

Seed Analysis.

Sec. 5. Any citizen of this State may, by preparing transportation charges, and upon the payment of twenty-five cents in advance, send samples of agricultural seed to the Commissioner of Agriculture for examination and germination test, such examination and germination test to be known as a seed analysis, and said Commissioner of Agriculture shall cause such seed analysis to be made as promptly as possible and reported to the sender.

Exemptions.

Sec. 6. The provisions of this act shall not apply to:

(a) Any person selling agricultural seeds direct to seed merchants or shipping to general market to be cleaned or graded before being offered or exposed for sale for planting purposes, provided it is labeled "Not clean seeds."

(b) Agricultural seeds which are held in storage for the purpose of being cleaned, provided they are labeled "Not clean seeds."

(c) Agricultural seeds marked "Not clean seeds" to be held or sold for shipment outside the State.

(d) Agricultural seeds grown and delivered by any farmer on his own premises; provided, that if the purchaser of such agricultural seeds obtains from said grower at the time of sale thereof a certificate purporting to be a label as provided for in this act that the sale of said seeds are then subject to all the provisions of this act.

(e) Seeds held in stock by merchants or dealers when this act becomes operative.

Enforcement.

Sec. 7. The enforcement of this act is hereby placed with the Commissioner of Agriculture, and he is empowered to adopt names, standards, definitions and make such regulations as may be necessary for the enforcement of this act, and is hereby authorized, either in person or through his assistants, to take one sample weighing not less than four ounces nor more than eight ounces for analysis from any lot or package of agricultural seed upon paying therefor, which may be in the possession of any person, firm or corporation in this State; said sample shall be taken in the presence of the party or parties at interest, or their representatives, and shall be taken from different lots or parcels of seed sold, offered or exposed for sale or distribution, shall be thoroughly mixed and divided into two samples, each of which shall be placed in glass or metal vessels and carefully sealed and labeled, giving the stock number and stating the name under which the seed is being sold, offered or exposed for sale or distribution, the name of the person, firm or corporation from whom the sample was taken, and the date and place of taking such sample. Such label shall be signed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, or his assistants, and by the party or parties at interest, or their representatives; provided, that where a party or parties at interest refuse to be present and take part in the sampling of such seed, the Commissioner of Agriculture, or his deputy, may take such sample in the presence of two disinterested witnesses. One of the duplicate samples shall be retained by the Commissioner of Agri-

culture and the other left with the person, firm or corporation whose stock was sampled.

When the Commissioner of Agriculture has evidence of the violation of this act by any person, firm or corporation, said Commissioner shall present this evidence to a court of competent jurisdiction; and said Commissioner, or his assistants, shall appear as witnesses in said court, if duly summoned; provided, that nothing herein shall be construed as applicable to the barter and sale of seeds where such barter and sale were consummated in advance of the taking effect of this act.

Every certificate of analysis and other tests made by the Commissioner, or a copy of same, duly authenticated, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein contained in any legal proceedings growing out of the violation of this act; and provided, further, that in any action by the purchaser of seeds against the vendor thereof for breach of any legal duty or obligation in the sale of agricultural seeds as defined in this act, the measure of damages in such suit shall be the price paid by the purchaser to the vendor for said seeds, together with the expense incurred in preparing the soil for planting, and in addition thereto the cost of the suit and such an amount in equity as shall be shown by testimony due said purchaser on account of any loss or damage that may have been sustained by the planting of such seeds; provided, that all fines shall be paid into the State Treasury and set aside to be used by the Commissioner of Agriculture for the enforcement of this act; and provided, that nothing herein shall in anywise affect the rights of any vendee growing out of the purchase of agricultural seeds purchased before the taking effect of this act.

Sec. 8. It is hereby made the imperative duty of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and he is hereby so authorized and empowered to establish and maintain a quarantine against the importation of any and all agricultural seeds as are defined in this act when in his judgment and knowledge such seeds do not conform to the provisions of this act; provided, that he or his agents may destroy all imported agricultural seeds which are not of the standard of purity as herein provided; however, it is hereby provided that the owner or owners, or his or their agents, of such seeds may

have the option of either permitting such seeds to be speedily destroyed in this State or to be at once exported from this State by the Commissioner of Agriculture or his agents at the expense of the owner or owners of such seeds; provided, that dealers may purchase agricultural seeds for the purpose of cleaning and grading before being offered for sale in conformity with this act.

Penalties.

Sec. 9. Whoever sells, offers or exposes for sale or distribution in this State any agricultural seeds as defined in Section 1 of this act, without complying with the requirements of Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act, and whoever falsely marks and labels any agricultural seeds as defined in Section 1 of this act, or whoever fails to label agricultural seeds or mixed seeds sold, offered or exposed for sale or distribution for use in this State or shall prevent the Commissioner of Agriculture, or his duly authorized assistants, from inspecting such seeds, or collecting samples, as defined in Section 7 of this act, or whoever shall otherwise violate this act, shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Violations of Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act shall be published in the regular annual seed report of the Agricultural Department, giving results of seed analyses and other tests, and shall show the name and address of the person, firm or corporation committing said violation and the manner in which said person, firm or corporation has violated this act.

Sec. 10. Fees received for analyses shall be deposited with the State Treasury, and expended by vouchers in the regular manner only in the enforcement of this act.

Mr. Raiden offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment:

(1)

Amend (committee) amendment to House bill No. 8 by adding between lines 28 and 29, page 8, Section 2, the following:

"(g) The year in which such seed were grown."

(2)

Amend Section 1 of said (committee) amendment by inserting in line 2, fol-

lowing the word "include," "garden seed."

(3)

Amend Section 9 of said (committee) amendment by adding, "Provided that nothing in this act shall be construed as preventing one farmer from selling to another farmer, without having said seed tested and labeled as provided in this act."

The amendments to the (committee) amendment were severally adopted.

Mr. Carlock offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment:

Amend (committee) amendment to House bill No. 8, page 10, at end of line 18, by adding Section 6a, viz:

"The provisions of this act shall not be held to apply to seed sold or offered for sale for other purposes than seedling purposes."

The amendment to the (committee) amendment was adopted.

The (committee) amendment as amended was then adopted.

(Mr. Spradley in the chair.)

Mr. Bertram moved to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely.

Mr. Neill moved the previous question on the motion to postpone indefinitely and the passage of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the motion to postpone indefinitely, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—44.

Bagby.	Murrell.
Baker.	Neill.
Beard of Harris.	Nordhaus.
Bertram.	Osborne.
Blackburn.	Reeves.
Bland.	Richards.
Burton of Rusk.	Rogers.
Carlock.	Sallas.
Cox.	Schlosshan.
Crudgington.	Seawright.
Dudley.	Smith of Bastrop.
Dunnam.	Smith of Scurry.
Florer.	Spencer of Wise.
Fly.	Templeton.
Haidusek.	Thomas.
Hill.	Thomason
Holland.	of El Paso.
Lowe	Thompson
of McMullen.	of Hunt.
McComb.	Tinner.
McMillin.	Traylor.
Martin.	Williford.
Monday.	Woods.
Morris.	

Nays—75.

Beard of Milam.	Miller of Austin.
Beasley.	Miller of Dallas.
Beason.	Neeley.
Bedell.	Nichols.
Blackmon.	O'Banion.
Boner.	O'Brien.
Bryan.	Parks.
Burton of Tarrant.	Peddy.
Butler.	Peyton.
Cadenhead.	Pillow.
Canales.	Poage.
Cates.	Pope.
Clark.	Raiden.
Cope.	Robertson.
Davis of Dallas.	Roemer.
Davis of Grimes.	Russell.
Denton.	Sackett.
Dodd.	Sentell.
Estes.	Schlesinger.
Fairchild.	Scholl.
Fisher.	Sholars.
Greenwood.	Smith of Hopkins.
Harris.	Stewart.
Hartman.	Swope.
Hawkins.	Taylor.
Hudspeth.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Thomason
Jones.	of Nacogdoches.
Laas.	Thompson
Laney.	of Red River.
Lanier.	Tilson.
Lee.	Tschoepe.
Lindemann.	Upchurch.
McCoy.	Valentine.
McDowra.	White.
McFarland.	Williams
Meador.	of Brazoria.
Mendell.	Wilson.
Metcalf.	Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Bryant.	Veatch.
Spradley.	

Absent.

Blalock.	Low
Bledsoe.	of Washington.
Davis	Moore.
of Van Zandt.	Spencer of Nolan.
De Bogory.	Tillotson.
Fitzpatrick.	Walker.
Hardey.	Williams
Lange.	of McLennan.
	Woodul.

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Strayhorn.
Brown.	Wahrmund.
Lacey.	

(Speaker in the chair.)

Question next recurring on the passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—75.

Beard of Milam.	Miller of Dallas.
Beasley.	Monday.
Beason.	Neill.
Bedell.	Neeley.
Blackmon.	Nichols.
Blalock.	Nordhaus.
Boner.	O'Banion.
Bryan.	O'Brien.
Bryant.	Parks.
Burton of Tarrant.	Peddy.
Butler.	Pillow.
Cadenhead.	Poage.
Canales.	Pope.
Cates.	Raiden.
Clark.	Reeves.
Cope.	Robertson.
Davis of Dallas.	Roemer.
Davis of Grimes.	Scholl.
Denton.	Sholars.
Dodd.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fisher.	Stewart.
Florer.	Swope.
Greenwood.	Taylor.
Harris.	Terrell.
Hartman.	Thomason
Hudspeth.	of El Paso.
Johnson.	Thomason
Laas.	of Nacogdoches.
Laney.	Thompson
Lange.	of Red River.
Lanier.	Upchurch.
Lee.	Valentine.
Lindemann.	White.
McCoy.	Williams
McDowra.	of Brazoria.
McFarland.	Williams
Meador.	of McLennan.
Mendell.	Wilson.
Metcalf.	Woods.
Miller of Austin.	Yantis.

Nays—42.

Bagby.	McComb.
Baker.	McMillin.
Beard of Harris.	Morris.
Bertram.	Murrell.
Blackburn.	Osborne.
Bland.	Richards.
Bledsoe.	Rogers.
Carlock.	Sallas.
Crudginton.	Sentell.
Dudley.	Schlosshan.
Dunnam.	Seawright.
Estes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fairchild.	Smith of Scurry.
Haidusek.	Spencer of Wise.
Hill.	Templeton.
Holland.	Thomas.
Jones.	Thompson
Lowe	of Hunt.
of McMullen.	Tilson.
Low	Tinner.
of Washington.	Traylor.

Tschoepe.
Veath.

Williford.

Present—Not Voting.

Burton of Rusk. Spradley.
Cox.

Absent.

De Bogory.	Russell.
Fitzpatrick.	Sackett.
Fly.	Schlesinger.
Hardey.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hawkins.	Tillotson.
Martin.	Walker.
Moore.	Woodul.
Peyton.	

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Lacey.
Brown.	Strayhorn.
Davis	Wahrmund.
of Van Zandt.	

Mr. Boner moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 105 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 105, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7382, Title 126, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, so as to exempt from taxation upon gross receipts each and every individual, company, corporation or association owning, operating, managing or controlling any telephone line or lines or any telephones within this State where the capital stock is less than thirty thousand dollars, and charging for the use of the same, except incorporated individuals, companies, corporations and associations when not incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Fairchild offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 105 by striking out the words "thirty thousand," and inserting the words "one thousand" in lieu thereof in the amendment to original bill in line 5 of said amendment.

Mr. Upchurch offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment by striking out "\$1000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,000."

The amendment to the amendment was lost.

Mr. Johnson offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend amendment by substituting "\$5000" for "\$1000."

Mr. Fairchild offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 105 by striking out the enacting clause.

Question first recurring on the amendment, striking out the enacting clause of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Bagby.	Rogers.
Bertram.	Sallas.
Bland.	Schlesinger.
Cates.	Sholars.
Dunnam.	Smith of Hopkins.
Lee.	Stewart.
Lowe	Templeton.
of McMullen.	Thomason
Mendell.	of El Paso.
Morris.	Upchurch.
Murrell.	Williams
Richards.	of McLennan.
Robertson.	Williford.

Nays—89.

Baker.	Hartman.
Beard of Harris.	Hawkins.
Beard of Milam.	Hill.
Beasley.	Hudspeth.
Beason.	Johnson.
Bedell.	Jones.
Blackburn.	Laas.
Blackmon.	Lange.
Blalock.	Lanier.
Bledsoe.	Lindemann.
Boner.	Low
Bryan.	of Washington.
Bryant.	McComb.
Burton of Rusk.	McDowra.
Burton of Tarrant.	McMillin.
Butler.	Martin.
Cadenhead.	Meador.
Clark.	Metcalf.
Cope.	Miller of Austin.
Cox.	Miller of Dallas.
Crudgington.	Monday.
Davis of Dallas.	Neeley.
Davis of Grimes.	Neill.
Denton.	Nichols.
Dodd.	Nordhaus.
Dudley.	O'Brien.
Estes.	Osborne.
Fisher.	Parks.
Florer.	Peddy.
Fly.	Peyton.
Greenwood.	Pope.
Haidusek.	Raiden.
Harris.	Reeves.

Roemer.	Thompson
Sentell.	of Red River.
Schlosshan.	Tillotson.
Scholl.	Tilson.
Seawright.	Tinner.
Smith of Bastrop.	Trayler.
Spencer of Wise.	Tschoepe.
Spradley.	Veatch.
Taylor.	White.
Terrell.	Williams
Thomas.	of Brazoria.
Thompson	Wilson.
of Hunt.	Woods.
	Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Fairchild.

Absent.

Canales.	Pillow.
Carlock.	Poage.
De Bogory.	Russell.
Fitzpatrick.	Sackett.
Hardey.	Smith of Scurry.
Holland.	Spencer of Nolan.
Lacey.	Swope.
Laney.	Thomason
McCoy.	of Nacogdoches.
McFarland.	Valentine.
Moore.	Walker.
O'Banion.	Woodul.

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Strayhorn.
Brown.	Wahrmund.
Davis	
of Van Zandt.	

Mr. Bryant moved the previous question on the pending amendments and the passage of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment to the amendment, it was lost.

Question next recurring on the amendment, it was lost.

Question then recurring on the passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—67.

Baker.	Burton of Rusk.
Beard of Harris.	Burton of Tarrant.
Beard of Milam.	Butler.
Beasley.	Clark.
Beason.	Cope.
Blackburn.	Cox.
Blackmon.	Crudgington.
Blalock.	Davis of Dallas.
Bledsoe.	Davis of Grimes.
Boner.	Denton.
Bryan.	Dodd.
Bryant.	Dudley.

Fisher.	Osborne.
Fitzpatrick.	Parks.
Florer.	Reeves.
Hardey.	Russell.
Harris.	Sackett.
Hawkins.	Sentell.
Hill.	Schlosshan.
Hudspeth.	Scholl.
Jones.	Smith of Bastrop.
Laas.	Taylor.
Lange.	Terrell.
Lanier.	Thomas.
Low	Thompson
of Washington.	of Hunt.
McComb.	Thompson
McFarland.	of Red River.
McMillin.	Tillotson.
Martin.	Tilson.
Meador.	Trayler.
Metcalfe.	Tschoepe.
Neill.	Veatch.
Nichols.	Wilson.
Nordhaus.	Yantis.

Nays—54.

Bagby.	Neeley.
Bedell.	O'Banion.
Bertram.	O'Brien.
Bland.	Peyton.
Cadenhead.	Poage.
Canales.	Raiden.
Carlock.	Richards.
Cates.	Robertson.
De Bogory.	Rogers.
Dunnam.	Sallas.
Estes.	Schlesinger.
Fairchild.	Seawright.
Fly.	Sholars.
Greenwood.	Smith of Hopkins.
Haidusek.	Spradley.
Hartman.	Stewart.
Holland.	Swope.
Johnson.	Templeton.
Lee.	Thomason
Lindemann.	of El Paso.
Lowe	Tinner.
of McMullen.	Upchurch.
McCoy.	White.
McDowra.	Williams
Mendell.	of Brazoria.
Miller of Austin.	Williams
Miller of Dallas.	of McLennan.
Morris.	Williford.
Murrell.	Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

Roemer.

Absent.

Laney.	Spencer of Nolan.
Monday.	Spencer of Wise.
Moore.	Thomason
Peddy.	of Nacogdoches.
Pillow.	Valentine.
Pope.	Walker.
Smith of Scurry.	Woodul.

Absent—Excused.

Bell. Lacey.
Brown. Strayhorn.
Davis Wahrmund.
of Van Zandt.

Mr. Burton of Rusk moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 232 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 232, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for days of rest for certain employes of railroads, except in cases of extraordinary emergency, fixing penalties for the violation of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.
(Mr. Denton in the chair.)

Mr. Parks moved the previous question on the passage of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Question then recurring on the passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The House refused to pass the bill by the following vote:

Yeas—46.

Baker.	Moore.
Beard of Harris.	Morris.
Beason.	Neill.
Blalock.	Nordhaus.
Boner.	O'Banion.
Bryant.	O'Brien.
Burton of Tarrant.	Parks.
Cadenhead.	Peyton.
Cope.	Pillow.
Davis of Dallas.	Reeves.
Davis	Robertson.
of Van Zandt.	Sentell.
Denton.	Schlesinger.
Dodd.	Smith of Bastrop.
Estes.	Swope.
Fisher.	Taylor.
Greenwood.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Thomason
Laney.	of El Paso.
Lange.	Thompson
McCoy.	of Hunt.
McDowra.	Valentine.
McFarland.	Woods.
Mendell.	Yantis.
Miller of Dallas.	

Nays—69.

Beard of Milam.	Miller of Austin.
Beasley.	Monday.
Bedell.	Murrell.
Bertram.	Neeley.
Blackburn.	Nichols.
Blackmon.	Peddy.
Bledsoe.	Poage.
Burton of Rusk.	Pope.
Butler.	Richards.
Canales.	Roemer.
Cates.	Rogers.
Clark.	Russell.
Crudgington.	Sackett.
Davis of Grimes.	Sallas.
De Bogory.	Schlosshan.
Dudley.	Seawright.
Dunnam.	Sholars.
Fairchild.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fitzpatrick.	Smith of Scurry.
Haidusek.	Spencer of Wise.
Hardey.	Stewart.
Harris.	Templeton.
Hartman.	Thomason
Hawkins.	of Nacogdoches.
Hill.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Red River.
Jones.	Tilson.
Laas.	Trayler.
Lanier.	Tschoepe.
Lee.	Upchurch.
Lindemann.	Veatch.
Lowe	White.
of McMullen.	Williams
McComb.	of Brazoria.
McMillin.	Williams
Martin.	of McLennan.
Meador.	Williford.

Absent.

Bagby.	Metcalfe.
Bryan.	Raiden.
Cox.	Spencer of Nolan.
Florer.	Walker.

Absent—Excused.

Lacey.	Strayhorn.
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Paired.

Mr. Holland (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Bland (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Low of Washington (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Tillotson (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Osborne (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Woodul (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Scholl (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Wahrmund (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Spradley (present), who would

vote "yea," with Mr. Brown (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Thomas (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Bell (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Tinner (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Fly (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Williford (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Carlock (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Veatch moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to pass the bill, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 246 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 246, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 5 of House bill No. 25, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at the Regular Session, 1913, and approved April 7, 1913, relating to prorating the appropriations for Confederate pensions among the pensioners, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—98.

Baker.	Hawkins.
Beard of Milam.	Hill.
Beason.	Hudspeth.
Bedell.	Johnson.
Blackburn.	Jones.
Blackmon.	Laas.
Blalock.	Laney.
Bryant.	Lanier.
Burton of Rusk.	Lee.
Butler.	McComb.
Cadenhead.	McCoy.
Cates.	McDowra.
Clark.	McFarland.
Cope.	McMillin.
Crudgington.	Mendell.
Davis of Dallas.	Metcalf.
Davis of Grimes.	Miller of Austin.
Davis of Van Zandt.	Miller of Dallas.
De Bogory.	Monday.
Denton.	Morris.
Dodd.	Murrell.
Estes.	Neeley.
Fairchild.	Neill.
Fisher.	Nichols.
Fitzpatrick.	Nordhaus.
Florer.	O'Banion.
Haidusek.	O'Brien.
	Osborne.

Parks.	Terrell.
Peddy.	Thomas.
Peyton.	Thomason
Pillow.	of El Paso.
Poage.	Thomason
Pope.	of Nacogdoches.
Raiden.	Thompson
Reeves.	of Hunt.
Richards.	Thompson
Robertson.	of Red River.
Roemer.	Tilson.
Rogers.	Tinner.
Russell.	Traylor.
Sackett.	Tschoepe.
Sentell.	Valentine.
Schlesinger.	Veatch.
Schlosshan.	White.
Scholl.	Williams
Sholars.	of Brazoria.
Smith of Bastrop.	Williams
Smith of Hopkins.	of McLennan.
Smith of Scurry.	Wilson.
Spencer of Wise.	Woods.
Stewart.	Yantis.
Templeton.	

Nays—11.

Bagby.	Low
Bertram.	of Washington.
Boner.	Meador.
Dunnam.	Seawright.
Holland.	Spradley.
Lowe	Williford.
of McMullen.	

Present—Not Voting.

Beasley.	Moore.
Hartman.	

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Harris.
Bland.	Lange.
Bledsoe.	Lindemann.
Bryan.	Martin.
Burton of Tarrant.	Sallas.
Canales.	Spencer of Nolan.
Carlock.	Swope.
Cox.	Taylor.
Dudley.	Tillotson.
Fly.	Upchurch.
Greenwood.	Walker.
Hardey.	Woodul.

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Strayhorn.
Brown.	Wahrmund.
Lacey.	

Mr. Nichols moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 249 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 249, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 1903 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, so as to render a certified plea of privilege prima facie proof of the right of the defendants to change of venue, and providing for procedure thereon."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Fairchild moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Nordhaus, the House, at 5:50 o'clock p. m., took recess to 8 o'clock p. m. today.

NIGHT SESSION.

The House met at 8 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by Mr. Spradley.

HOUSE BILL NO. 258 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 258, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that all candidates for nominations in primary elections shall have their campaign expenses limited; providing for reports from all candidates as to selection of their campaign committees; prescribing the persons who may make disbursements for such candidates, and defining the purposes for which disbursements may be made; providing for reports of all receipts, disbursements and financial obligations made in the interest of such campaigns by candidates and their campaign committees, and to whom such reports are to be made, and prescribing the nature of the same; providing that the name of no candidate shall be printed upon the official ballot who fails to make such reports; specifying sums candidates and their campaign committees may expend in their campaigns for nomination to office; defining violations of this act, and prescribing penalties therefor; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Thompson of Hunt offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 258, page 4,

Section 8, lines 30 and 31, by striking out the words "Congressman at large" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Representative in Congress from the State at large."

The amendment was adopted.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Williams of McLennan moved to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely.

Mr. Fly moved to table the motion to postpone indefinitely.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—62.

Beard of Milam.	Peddy.
Beasley.	Pillow.
Bedell.	Poage.
Bertram.	Pope.
Blackmon.	Raiden.
Blalock.	Reeves.
Boner.	Richards.
Bryan.	Russell.
Burton of Rusk.	Sackett.
Butler.	Sentell.
Cadenhead.	Schlosshan.
Canales.	Seawright.
Clark.	Smith of Bastrop.
Cope.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis of Dallas.	Spencer of Wise.
De Bogory.	Stewart.
Denton.	Templeton.
Dodd.	Terrell.
Fairchild.	Thomas.
Fly.	Thomason
Hardey.	of El Paso.
Hawkins.	Thomason
Lange.	of Nacogdoches.
McComb.	Thompson
McCoy.	of Hunt.
McDowra.	Thompson
McFarland.	of Red River.
McMillin.	Tilson.
Meador.	Tinner.
Metcalfe.	Tschoepe.
Murrell.	Veatch.
Nichols.	Williford.
Osborne.	Woods.

Nays—34.

Beason.	Mendell.
Bland.	Miller of Austin.
Burton of Tarrant.	Miller of Dallas.
Carlock.	Monday.
Dunnam.	Moore.
Fisher.	Neeley.
Harris.	Neill.
Hartman.	O'Brien.
Holland.	Parks.
Laas.	Peyton.
Lanier.	Roemer.
Lee.	Sallas.
Low.	Scholl.
of Washington.	Sholars.

Spradley.	Williams
Taylor.	of Brazoria.
Valentine.	Williams
White.	of McLennan.
	Wilson.

Absent.

Bagby.	Jones.
Baker.	Laney.
Beard of Harris.	Lindemann.
Blackburn.	Lowe
Bledsoe.	of McMullen.
Bryant.	Martin.
Cates.	Morris.
Cox.	Nordhaus.
Crudgington.	O'Banion.
Davis of Grimes.	Robertson.
Davis	Rogers.
of Van Zandt.	Schlesinger.
Dudley.	Smith of Scurry.
Estes.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fitzpatrick.	Swope.
Florer.	Tillotson.
Greenwood.	Trayler.
Haidusek.	Upchurch.
Hill.	Walker.
Hudspeth.	Woodul.
Johnson.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Strayhorn.
Brown.	Wahrmund.
Lacey.	

Mr. Thompson of Hunt offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 258, page 6, Section 14, line 37, by striking out words "congressman at large," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "representative in Congress from the State at large."

(2)

Amend House bill No. 258, Section 14, page 7, line 1, by striking out words "district congressman," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "district representative in Congress."

(3)

Amend House bill No. 258, page 7, Section 14, line 4, by inserting after the word "character," the following: "and which districts are composed of more than one county."

(4)

Amend House bill No. 258, page 7, Section 14, line 8, by inserting after the word "offices," the following: "and for district offices where such districts are composed of one county only."

The amendments were severally adopted.

Mr. Moore called for a full reading of the bill.

Mr. Bedell moved that a full reading of the bill be dispensed with.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to dispense with a full reading of the bill prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—64.

Beard of Milam.	Peddy.
Beasley.	Peyton.
Bedell.	Pillow.
Bertram.	Raiden.
Blackmon.	Reeves.
Blalock.	Richards.
Burton of Rusk.	Roemer.
Butler.	Russell.
Cadenhead.	Sackett.
Canales.	Sentell.
Clark.	Schlesinger.
Cope.	Schlosshan.
Davis of Dallas.	Scholl.
Denton.	Seawright.
Dunnam.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hardey.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hartman.	Spencer of Wise.
Holland.	Taylor.
Hudspeth.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Thomas.
Lange.	Thomason
Lanier.	of Nacogdoches.
McCoy.	Thompson
McDowra.	of Red River.
McFarland.	Tilson.
Mendell.	Trayler.
Metcalf.	Tschoepe.
Miller of Austin.	Veatch.
Neeley.	White.
Neill.	Williams
Nichols.	of Brazoria.
Nordhaus.	Williford.
O'Brien.	Wilson.
Osborne.	

Nays—31.

Beason.	Meador.
Bland.	Moore.
Boner.	Murrell.
Burton of Tarrant.	Parks.
De Bogory.	Poage.
Dodd.	Sallas.
Fairchild.	Sholars.
Fisher.	Smith of Scurry.
Greenwood.	Spradley.
Harris.	Stewart.
Hawkins.	Templeton.
Laas.	Thompson
Lee.	of Hunt.
Lindemann.	Tinner.
Low	Valentine.
of Washington.	Woods.
McComb.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Lowe
Baker.	of McMullen.
Beard of Harris.	McMillin.
Blackburn.	Martin.
Bledsoe.	Miller of Dallas.
Bryan.	Monday.
Bryant.	Morris.
Carlock.	O'Banion.
Cates.	Pope.
Cox.	Robertson.
Crudgington.	Rogers.
Davis of Grimes.	Spencer of Nolan.
Davis	Swope.
of Van Zandt.	Thomason
Dudley.	of El Paso.
Estes.	Tillotson.
Fitzpatrick.	Upchurch.
Florer.	Walker.
Fly.	Williams
Haidusek.	of McLennan.
Hill.	Woodul.
Jones.	Yantis.
Laney.	

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Strayhorn.
Brown.	Wahrmund.
Lacey.	

Mr. Holland offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 258, page 2, Section 4, line 38, by inserting after the word "telegraph" the word "cards."

Mr. Cope moved the previous question on the amendment and the passage of the bill, and the motion was duly seconded.

Question—Shall the main question be now ordered?

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the main question was ordered by the following vote:

Yeas—65.

Beard of Milam.	Greenwood.
Beasley.	Hardey.
Beason.	Harris.
Bedell.	Hartman.
Bertram.	Hawkins.
Blackmon.	Holland.
Blalock.	Johnson.
Boner.	Laas.
Bryan.	Lange.
Burton of Rusk.	McComb.
Butler.	McCoy.
Cadenhead.	McDowra.
Clark.	McFarland.
Cope.	McMillin.
Davis of Dallas.	Meador.
Denton.	Mendell.
Dunnam.	Metcalfe.

Miller of Austin.	Stewart.
Nichols.	Terrell.
Nordhaus.	Thomas.
O'Brien.	Thomason
Peddy.	of Nacogdoches.
Pillow.	Thompson
Poage.	of Red River.
Raiden.	Tilson.
Reeves.	Tinner.
Richards.	Trayler.
Roemer.	Tschoepe.
Russell.	Veatch.
Sackett.	White.
Schlesinger.	Williams
Schlosshan.	of Brazoria.
Scholl.	Williford.
Smith of Hopkins.	Wilson.

Nays—28.

Bland.	Parks.
Burton of Tarrant.	Peyton.
Canales.	Sallas.
Carlock.	Seawright.
Dodd.	Sholars.
Fairchild.	Spradley.
Fisher.	Taylor.
Fly.	Templeton.
Lanier.	Thomason
Lee.	of El Paso.
Low	Thompson
of Washington.	of Hunt.
Miller of Dallas.	Tillotson.
Moore.	Valentine.
Murrell.	Woods.
Neeley.	

Present—Not Voting.

Mr. Speaker.	Sentell.
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Absent.

Bagby.	Lowe
Baker.	of McMullen.
Beard of Harris.	Martin.
Blackburn.	Monday.
Bledsoe.	Morris.
Bryant.	Neill.
Cates.	O'Banion.
Cox.	Osborne.
Crudgington.	Pope.
Davis of Grimes.	Robertson.
Davis	Rogers.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Bastrop.
De Bogory.	Smith of Scurry.
Dudley.	Spencer of Nolan.
Estes.	Spencer of Wise.
Fitzpatrick.	Swope.
Florer.	Upchurch.
Haidusek.	Walker.
Hill.	Williams
Hudspeth.	of McLennan.
Jones.	Woodul.
Laney.	Yantis.
Lindemann.	

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Strayhorn.
Brown.	Wahrmund.
Lacey.	

Mr. Nordhaus moved a call of the House for the purpose of maintaining a quorum, and the call was duly seconded.

The Speaker then directed the Doorkeeper to close the main entrance to the Hall and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock all other doors leading from the Hall, and stated that no member would be permitted to leave the Hall without written permission from the Speaker.

Question recurring on the amendment by Mr. Holland, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—84.

Beard of Milam.	Moore.
Beasley.	Murrell.
Beason.	Neeley.
Bedell.	Neill.
Bertram.	Nichols.
Blackmon.	Nordhaus.
Blalock.	O'Brien.
Bland.	Osborne.
Boner.	Parks.
Bryan.	Peddy.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pillow.
Butler.	Poage.
Cadenhead.	Pope.
Carlock.	Raiden.
Clark.	Reeves.
Cope.	Richards.
De Bogory.	Russell.
Denton.	Sackett.
Dodd.	Sentell.
Fairchild.	Schlesinger.
Fly.	Schlosshan.
Haidusek.	Scholl.
Hardey.	Seawright.
Harris.	Sholars.
Hartman.	Spradley.
Hawkins.	Stewart.
Holland.	Templeton.
Johnson.	Terrell.
Laas.	Thomas.
Lange.	Thomason
Lee.	of El Paso.
McComb.	Thomason
McCoy.	of Nacogdoches.
McDowra.	Thompson
McFarland.	of Hunt.
McMillin.	Tillotson.
Meador.	Tilson.
Mendell.	Tinner.
Metcalfe.	Trayler.
Miller of Austin.	Tschoepe.
Monday.	Valentine.

Veatch.	Williford.
White.	Woods.
Williams	
of Brazoria.	

Nays—11.

Burton of Rusk.	Peyton.
Canales.	Roemer.
Davis of Dallas.	Sallas.
Dunnam.	Smith of Hopkins.
Greenwood.	Taylor.
Low	
of Washington.	

Present—Not Voting.

Lanier.

Absent.

Bagby.	Lowe
Baker.	of McMullen.
Beard of Harris.	Martin.
Blackburn.	Miller of Dallas.
Bledsoe.	Morris.
Bryant.	O'Banion.
Cates.	Robertson.
Cox.	Rogers.
Crudgington.	Smith of Bastrop.
Davis of Grimes.	Smith of Scurry.
Davis	Spencer of Nolan.
of Van Zandt.	Spencer of Wise.
Dudley.	Swope.
Estes.	Thompson
Fisher.	of Red River.
Fitzpatrick.	Upchurch.
Florer.	Walker.
Hill.	Williams
Hudspeth.	of McLennan.
Jones.	Wilson.
Laney.	Woodul.
Lindemann.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Strayhorn.
Brown.	Wahrmund.
Lacey.	

Question then recurring on the passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—62.

Mr. Speaker.	Canales.
Beard of Milam.	Carlock.
Beasley.	Clark.
Bedell.	Cope.
Bertram.	Davis of Dallas.
Blackmon.	De Bogory.
Blalock.	Denton.
Boner.	Dodd.
Bryan.	Fairchild.
Burton of Rusk.	Fly.
Butler.	Hawkins.
Cadenhead.	Holland.

Johnson.	Sentell.
McComb.	Seawright.
McCoy.	Smith of Hopkins.
McDowra.	Spradley.
McMillin.	Stewart.
Meador.	Templeton.
Metcalfe.	Terrell.
Miller of Dallas.	Thomas.
Moore.	Thomason
Murrell.	of Nacogdoches.
Neeley.	Thompson
Nichols.	of Hunt.
Osborne.	Tilson.
Peddy.	Tinner.
Pillow.	Trayler.
Poage.	Veatch.
Raiden.	Williams
Reeves.	of Brazoria.
Richards.	Williford.
Russell.	Woods.
Sackett.	

Nays—32.

Beason.	Monday.
Bland.	Nordhaus.
Burton of Tarrant.	O'Brien.
Dunnam.	Parks.
Greenwood.	Peyton.
Hardey.	Pope.
Harris.	Roemer.
Hartman.	Sallas.
Laas.	Schlesinger.
Lange.	Scholl.
Lanier.	Sholars.
Lee.	Taylor.
Low	Tillotson.
of Washington.	Tschoepe.
McFarland.	Valentine.
Mendell.	White.
Miller of Austin.	

Present—Not Voting.

Schlosshan.

Absent.

Bagby.	Laney.
Baker.	Lindemann.
Beard of Harris.	Lowe
Blackburn.	of McMullen.
Bledsoe.	Martin.
Bryant.	Morris.
Cates.	Neill.
Cox.	O'Banion.
Crudgington.	Robertson.
Davis of Grimes.	Rogers.
Davis	Smith of Bastrop.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Scurry.
Dudley.	Spencer of Nolan.
Estes.	Spencer of Wise.
Fisher.	Swope.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomason
Florer.	of El Paso.
Haidusek.	Thompson
Hill.	of Red River.
Hudspeth.	Upchurch.
Jones.	Walker.

Williams	Woodul.
of McLennan.	Yantis.
Wilson.	

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Strayhorn.
Brown.	Wahrmund.
Lacey.	

Mr. Thompson of Hunt moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 118 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid House bill No. 268 before the House, on its third reading and final passage.

On motion of Mr. McDowra, the Speaker then laid before the House, for consideration in lieu of House bill No. 268, the Senate bill on the same subject, said Senate bill being

S. B. No. 118, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the city of Paris and Lamar county in the re-establishment and rebuilding permanent improvements by donating and granting to them the State ad valorem and a part of the poll taxes and occupation taxes collected on property and from persons in said county of Lamar, for a period of five years, and to provide a penalty for their misapplication."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Templeton offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend by substituting the words "two years" for the words "five years" wherever found.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved the previous question on the amendment and the passage of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, it was lost.

Question next recurring on the passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—70.

Mr. Speaker.	Burton of Tarrant.
Beard of Milam.	Butler.
Beasley.	Cadenhead.
Beason.	Canales.
Bertram.	Carlock.
Blalock.	Cates.
Boner.	Cope.
Bryan.	Davis of Dallas.
Bryant.	De Bogory.
Burton of Rusk.	Denton.

Dodd.	Pope.
Dudley.	Raiden.
Fly.	Reeves.
Hardey.	Richards.
Holland.	Russell.
Johnson.	Sackett.
Laas.	Sentell.
Lange.	Schlesinger.
Lanier.	Schlosshan.
Low	Scholl.
of Washington.	Smith of Hopkins.
McCoy.	Spradley.
McDowra.	Terrell.
McFarland.	Thomas.
McMillin.	Thomason
Mendell.	of Nacogdoches.
Metcalfe.	Thompson
Miller of Dallas.	of Hunt.
Monday.	Thompson
Murrell.	of Red River.
Neeley.	Tschoepe.
Nichols.	Valentine.
Nordhaus.	White.
O'Brien.	Williams
Osborne.	of Brazoria.
Parks.	Williford.
Pillow.	Woods.
Poage.	

Nays—26.

Bedell.	Sallas.
Bland.	Seawright.
Clark.	Spencer of Wise.
Dunnam.	Stewart.
Greenwood.	Taylor.
Hartman.	Templeton.
Hawkins.	Thomason
Lee.	of El Paso.
McComb.	Tillotson.
Meador.	Tilson.
Miller of Austin.	Tinner.
Moore.	Trayler.
Peddy.	Veatch.
Roemer.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Hudspeth.
Baker.	Jones.
Beard of Harris.	Laney.
Blackburn.	Lindemann.
Blackmon.	Lowe
Bledsoe.	of McMullen.
Cox.	Martin.
Crudgington.	Morris.
Davis of Grimes.	Neill.
Davis	O'Banion.
of Van Zandt.	Peyton.
Estes.	Robertson.
Fairchild.	Rogers.
Fisher.	Sholars.
Fitzpatrick.	Smith of Bastrop.
Florer.	Smith of Scurry.
Haidusek.	Spencer of Nolan.
Harris.	Swope.
Hill.	Upchurch.

Walker.	Wilson.
Williams	Woodul.
of McLennan.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Strayhorn.
Brown.	Wahrmund.
Lacey.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 323 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 323, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3826, 3827 and 3828 of Title 57 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas (1911), and to add thereto Articles 3828a and 3828b, defining commission merchants and requiring all commission merchants dealing in agricultural, horticultural and farm products and poultry, other than live stock dealers and corporations chartered under Chapter 5, Acts of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, to take out a license through the Commissioner of Agriculture, paying a fee therefor; authorizing them to do business in this State; providing that they shall give bond to be approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture, and prescribing the terms and conditions of said bond; providing for making certain reports by all commission merchants, requiring them to keep certain books and records and to submit all books, records and 'sales tickets' to the Commissioner of Agriculture, or his authorized agents, whenever demanded; authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to refuse to issue licenses to persons not of good moral character, and to cancel licenses for failure to make reports or submit books, records and sales tickets for inspection, or for fraud or dishonest dealing, as provided by this act; authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to employ marketing agents to assist in enforcing the provisions of this law; fixing the venue, prescribing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Terrell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 226 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Fly called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 226, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the purpose of promoting and improving the development of the country schools of the State by the appropriation of one million dollars each year, or such part thereof as may be necessary, for the next two fiscal years ending August 31, 1918, and 1919, respectively, by allowing the State Board of Education to aid any one school in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars in any one year, and providing that schools receiving such aid be located and constructed in a certain way and having certain and necessary equipment, and providing for the employment of competent teachers; and said act further providing that no school having over three hundred scholars shall receive such aid, and providing that schools receiving such aid shall have had certain percentages of attendance with exceptions, and providing said schools shall levy a local school tax of not less than fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, and providing course of study for such country schools, and setting aside fifty thousand dollars of the appropriation annually for the relief of backward districts and giving the State Board of Education power to establish rules and regulations for the organization of such country schools and otherwise carrying out the intentions of this act, and defining the powers of the State Board of Education, and providing for assistants to the State Superintendent to be known as rural school supervisors, and providing for reports to be made to the State Board of Education, and providing for the manner of payment and disbursement of all money granted under the provisions of this act, and providing said schools can accept the benefits of this act without waiving the benefits and privileges of other laws, and providing certain funds for the payment of rural school supervisors and their traveling expenses, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Fly, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

Mr. Fly moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in the Senate amendments and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 333 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 333, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subdivision 60, Article 1121 of Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, as amended at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, authorizing the formation of corporations for the construction and operation of interurban electric, gas or gasoline, denatured alcohol or naphtha motor railways with power to own, construct and operate union depots and office buildings and the right to acquire, hold and operate other public utilities in and adjacent to the cities or towns within or through which said companies operate; and authorizing those heretofore organized to acquire, hold and operate other public utilities in and adjacent to the cities or towns within or through which said companies operate, and providing the method of amending their charter so as to expressly include such authority."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Cope offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 333, page 2, line 19, by striking out the words "other public utilities" and substitute in lieu thereof the words "electric light and power plants."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Schlesinger offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 333 by erasing the comma between the words "sites" and "for" on line 40, in Section 1 of said bill.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Miller of Dallas offered the following amendments to the bill:

Amend line 22, page 1, by inserting after the word "towns" the following: "and interurban railways within and between cities and towns."

Amend line 24, page 1, by inserting after the word "depots" the following: "and office buildings, and such interurban railways shall have the same rights of eminent domain as are now given by law to steam railroads."

Amend line 35, page 1, by striking out the words "the general laws" and substituting therefor the words "any law."

Amend line 36, page 1, by inserting after the word "now" the following: "or may hereafter" and by inserting after the word "street" "interurban."

Amend line 3, page 2, by striking out the words "such authority" and substituting therefor the following, "any or all powers herein authorized."

Amend the caption by striking out all after the word "Article" in line 7, page 1, and substituting "1121 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted in 1911, so as to provide that corporations may be organized for or amend their charters so as to embrace the purpose of constructing or acquiring with power to maintain and operate street railways and suburban railways and belt lines of railways within and near cities and towns and interurban railways within and between cities and towns with power also to construct, own and operate union depots and office buildings, and that any such railways which use electric power shall be authorized to manufacture, supply and sell electricity and gas (artificial, natural, or both) for light, heat and power to the public and to municipalities and conferring the right of eminent domain upon interurban railways, and declaring an emergency."

The amendments were adopted.

Mr. Cope offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend caption by striking out "public utilities" and insert in lieu thereof "electric light and power plants."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 333 was then passed.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 339 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 339, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define a delinquent negro child, and to regulate the treatment and control of same; providing for commitment of the delinquent and incorrigible negro juveniles in the State institution to be hereafter known as the State Training School for Negro Boys, located at Rusk, Henderson county, Texas; and to provide for the appointment by the Governor of six trustees, and defining the duties of said trustees; and providing that the trustees shall appoint a

superintendent to manage said institution upon the advice and consent of the Governor, and fixing his salary, and providing further that the superintendent shall appoint such other officers and employes as may be necessary for the management of said institution by and with the consent of the board of trustees, and providing further that the board of trustees shall fix the salaries of employes and shall define their duties; and providing further that the board shall formulate by-laws, rules and regulations for the economic and efficient government and control of said institution having in view the object to be accomplished by this act, said by-laws, rules and regulations, when adopted by said board and approved by the Governor, shall become binding and of obligatory force upon the trustees, superintendent, subordinate officers, employes and inmates of said institution, and it shall be the duty of the trustees to see to the enforcement of said rules; and further providing for a public school at said institution as now provided for by Articles 2733 and 2734 of the Act of the Legislature of 1905; and providing further that the trustees appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the management of said public school at said institution, shall have full and complete control of said public school, and said board shall appoint a principal for the management of said school and such other teachers as may be necessary for the maintenance of said school, and said board of trustees shall be under the control and shall act and carry out the instructions given them by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and in the event that said trustees fail or refuse to carry out the instructions given them by the said Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Texas, then the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall have the right to withhold the public funds that have or may be set apart for the payment of the teachers of said institution; and providing further that the trustees appointed by the State Superintendent for the management of said public school shall maintain a public school for the benefit of the colored children and appoint teachers for that purpose by the consent of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and providing that the Board of Prison Commissioners transfer to the trustees of the State

training school for negro boys all necessary grounds, lands and equipment now held under the supervision of said Board of Prison Commissioners at Rusk, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Question—Shall the bill be passed?

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved that the House adjourn until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed, and the House accordingly, at 9:45 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 807, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Poage has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PEYTON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON CARRIERS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Common Carriers, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 328, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Smith of Bastrop has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Blackmon has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 38, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Meador has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

REPORTS OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 442, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 782, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BRYANT, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND TAXATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it be adopted.

NEILL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 408, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

NEILL, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 811, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with amendments.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 759, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 797, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 414, have had the same under consideration and I am in-

structed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 793, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 451, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 385, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNI- CIPAL CORPORATIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 806, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Burton of Tarrant has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

MENDELL, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN-
GROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills have carefully examined and com-
pared

H. B. No. 105, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 7382, Title
126, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil
Statutes of Texas, 1911, so as to ex-
empt from taxation upon gross receipts
in cities and towns of five thousand
population or less, as given by the last
Federal census, each and every individ-
ual, company, corporation or associ-
ation owning, operating, managing or
controlling any telephone line or lines
or any telephones within this State and
charging for the use of same."

H. B. No. 740, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to repeal Chapter 71, Special
Acts of 1915, Thirty-fourth Legislature
of Texas, creating a special road sys-
tem for Milam county, etc., and declar-
ing an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

RUSSELL, Vice-Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN-
ROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 525, "An Act enlarging the
area of Nixon Independent School Dis-
trict in Gonzales and Wilson counties,
etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and
find it correctly enrolled, and have this
day, at 3:20 o'clock p. m., presented
same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 499, "An Act to amend Sec-
tions 5, 6, 8, 9 and 29 of Chapter 106,
General Laws of the Regular Session of
the Thirty-third Legislature, approved
April 2, 1913, the same being 'An Act
to repeal Chapter 8 of the General Laws
of the Fourth Called Session of the Thir-

ty-first Legislature of the State of Texas,
approved September 6, 1910, known as
the State Insurance Board Law, and to
provide conditions upon which fire insur-
ance companies may hereafter transact
business in the State of Texas, and to
create the State Fire Insurance Commis-
sion, and to prescribe its duties and au-
thority, and the duties and authority of
each member thereof, and to fix the sal-
aries of the members; and to provide for
their appointment and removal, and to
provide that hereafter the rate of premi-
ums to be charged by fire insurance com-
panies in this State shall be fixed and
determined and promulgated exclusively
by said State Fire Insurance Commission,
and to prohibit any such fire insurance
company from collecting or receiving any
premiums on account of policies of fire
insurance issued by them, unless the
rates of such premiums have been so fixed
and determined and promulgated by said
State Fire Insurance Commission; to
provide certain conditions and limita-
tions on fire insurance contracts or pol-
icies, and providing penalties for viola-
tions of provisions of this act, and appro-
priating money necessary to carry out its
provisions, and declaring an emergency,"
so that hereafter said Sections 5, 6, 8, 9
and 29 of said Chapter 106 shall provide
in substance: to fix the salaries of the
members of the State Fire Insurance
Commission and to provide for an assess-
ment of one and one-fourth (1½) per cent
on the gross premiums of all fire insur-
ance companies doing business in this
State to be expended in carrying out the
provisions of said act, and limit the ag-
gregate expenditures of the Commission
for all purposes, including the salaries
of the members thereof, in any one year,
to the sum of one hundred and thirty
thousand dollars (\$130,000.00), and to
prescribe the duties and powers of the
State Fire Insurance Commission with
respect to the collection and classifica-
tion of data pertaining to fires, and the
fixing and promulgation of rates of pre-
miums based upon such data, to pre-
scribe the powers and duties of the Fire
Marshal of the State Fire Insurance Com-
mission relating to the investigation of
fires, and the correction of fire hazards,
and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and
find it correctly enrolled, and have this
day, at 3:20 o'clock p. m., presented
same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 609, "An Act creating an
independent school district to be known
as the Woden Independent School Dis-
trict in Nacogdoches county, Texas, etc.,
and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and
find it correctly enrolled, and have this
day, at 3:20 o'clock p. m., presented
same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 425, "An Act requiring the
county attorney of Wichita county to
represent the State in criminal cases in
the district court of the Seventy-eighth
Judicial District, and allowing him to
draw same fees therefor as are now al-
lowed county attorneys in counties hav-
ing no district attorney, and declaring
and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and
find it correctly enrolled, and have this
day, at 3:20 o'clock p. m., presented
same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 624, "An Act creating the
Abernathy Independent School District,
situated in Hale and Lubbock counties,
etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and
find it correctly enrolled, and have this
day, at 3:20 o'clock p. m., presented
same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 608, "An Act creating the
Chireno Independent School District in

Nacogdoches county, Texas, etc., and de-
claring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find
it correctly enrolled, and have this day,
at 3:20 o'clock p. m., presented same to
the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled
Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 612, "An Act to create a
more efficient road, bridge and culvert
system for Houston county; to create
the office of road superintendent, etc., and
providing for an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and
find it correctly enrolled, and have this
day, at 3:20 o'clock p. m., presented
same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

FORTY-FIRST DAY.

(Wednesday, March 7, 1917.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m.,
pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following
members were present:

Bagby.	Davis of Dallas.
Baker.	Davis of Grimes.
Beard of Harris.	Davis
Beard of Milam.	of Van Zandt.
Beasley.	De Bogory.
Beason.	Denton.
Bedell.	Dodd.
Bertram.	Dudley.
Blackburn.	Dunnam.
Blackmon.	Estes.
Blalock.	Fairchild.
Bland.	Fisher.
Bledsoe.	Fitzpatrick.
Boner.	Florer.
Brown.	Fly.
Bryan.	Haidusek.
Bryant.	Hardey.
Burton of Rusk.	Harris.
Burton of Tarrant.	Hartman.
Butler.	Hawkins.
Cadenhead.	Hill.
Canales.	Holland.
Carlock.	Hudspeth.
Cates.	Johnson.
Clark.	Jones.
Cope.	Laas.
Cox.	Laney.
Crudgington.	Lange.